Fiscal Estimate - 2011 Session

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LRB Number 11-2930/1	Introduction Numl	oer AB-0374			
Description Creating a preference in state procurement for Wisconsin-based businesses					
Fiscal Effect					
Appropriations Reve	ease Existing to absenues	use Costs - May be possible corb within agency's budget Yes No ase Costs			
Local: No Local Government Costs Indeterminate 1. Increase Costs Permissive Mandatory 2. Decrease Costs Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory Districts 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected Towns Village Cities Counties Others School Districts					
Fund Sources Affected Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEGS					
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires state agencies and other purchasing agents to maximize the awards given to businesses that have at least 50 percent of their operations in Wisconsin or that plan to have at least 50 percent of their operations in Wisconsin in the next year. To accomplish this goal, the state agency or purchasing agent may purchase materials, supplies, equipment, and contractual services from any such business that submits a bid or proposal that is no more than 5 percent higher than the apparent low bid or most advantageous proposal.

The bill would have two potential fiscal effects on the Department: a) administrative costs to determine whether a business is a Wisconsin-based businesss and b) the cost of funding contracts that are up to 5 percent higher than the lowest bid.

Currently, the Department of Administration (DOA) certifies prospective bidders as being a Wisconsin-based Minority Business Enterprise (MBE). The Department of Health Services (DHS) uses the DOA designations to satisfy its requirements under the MBE law.

If DOA or another entity certifies businesses as being Wisconsin-based, as with the MBE program, DHS would need to dedicate a portion of a position's time to tracking its compliance with the law, creating required reports, and educating department managers on the law's provision. DHS would be able to absorb this additional workload and cost.

If, however, DHS becomes responsible for verifying each bidder's claim that the business is Wisconsinbased, the Department's workload would be significantly higher where costs and workload could not be absorbed by the Department and additional staff would need to be obtained. Since there is no baseline from which to project possible workload implications, administrative costs are indeterminate.

In addition, the Department is unable to project what amount of contracts it would fund at higher than the lowest bid. For these reasons, the fiscal effect is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications